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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: MOPS PROGRAM IN TURKEY

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1. IT IS APPARENT THAT ALL THE FACTORS MENTIONED IN PARA 5
REFTEL--BUREAUCRATIC SNAFU, GENERAL STAFF'S RUFFLED
FEATHERS, AND GOVERNMENT PARALYSIS DUE TO ELECTIONS--HAVE
DELAYED GOT AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH GOT/UNFDAC MOPS
PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, IT IS NOT CERTAIN
WHETHER TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) HAD CLEARED
ORIGINAL AGREEMENT BEFORE IT WAS SIGNED OR IF TGS DID WHETHER IT
CONSIDERED IT CAREFULLY, BUT TGS RECENTLY RAISED OBJECTIONS,
ESPECIALLY TO FOREIGN NATIONALS TAKING PHOTOS FROM LOW-FLYING
AIRCRAFT IN SENSITIVE EASTERN REGIONS OF TURKEY. IN
ADDITION, TGS APPARENTLY WAS EARLIER ARGUING THAT AIRCRAFT
SHOULD HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO MILITARY INSTEAD OF JANDARMERIE,
SINCE MILITARY ALREADY HAS TRAINED PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE
PERSONNEL AND WOULD NOT NEED FOREIGN ADVISORS. MFA HAS
HELPED SOOTHE TGS BY SEEKING EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH UN
AFFIRMING TURKISH SOVEREIGNTY AND AUTHORITY TO CONTROL
FLIGHTS. HOWEVER, THIS EXCHANGE OF NOTES REQUIRES GOT
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2. WHILE MOPS PROGRAMS AND INDEED TURKISH OPIUM PRODUCTION
HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN ELECTION ISSUES, ELECTION MAY HAVE HELPED
CAUSE DELAY IN MOPS PROGRAM. BEFORE GOVERNMENT DECREE
REQUIRED FOR GOT/UNFDAC EXCHANGE OF NOTES CAN BE ISSUED,
FONMIN MUST GIVE HIS APPROVAL. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO MFA

OFFICIAL, FONMIN DURING CAMPAIGN HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE TO APPROVE
EVEN MOST MUNDANE MFA AFFAIRS, AND MUCH OF MFA HAS GROUND TO A HALT.
MFA OFFICIAL ASSURED US THAT HE IS CONFIDENT NECESSARY DECREE
WILL BE FORTHCOMING AFTER ELECTIONS AND FORMATION OF NEW
GOVERNMENT, SINCE ALL TURKISH GOVERNMENT AGENCIS ARE NOW
IN AGREEMENT ABOUT PROGRAM.

3. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY LOCAL UN REPS THAT THEY ARE CERTAIN
MPOS CONTINUES TO HAVE SUPPORT OF GOT AND THAT DELAYS ARE
MERELY PROCEDURAL. HOWEVER, ONE UN REP SAID THAT, APPARENTLY
IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID ANY FURTHER DIFFICULTY WITHIN GOT,
TURKISH CUSTIOMS HAS BEEN TOLD NOT TO CLEAR MOPS EQUIPMENT
CURRENTLY IN ISTANBUL OR DESTINED TO ARRIVE THERE IN THE
NEAR FUTURE UNTIL MATTER HAS BEEN SETTLED. LOCAL UN REP
RESPONSIBLE FOR NARCOTICS MATTERS ASSERTED THAT
EVEN ONE YEAR DELAY IN START OF MOPS WILL NOT CAUSE MAJOR
SETBACK SINCE IT IS PLANNED TO BE A TWO-YEAR TRAINING
PROGRAM AND TRAINING CAN BE CONCENTRATED IN SINGLE YEAR
OPERATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS
A MISTAKE TO UNDERESTIMATE TURK RESISTANCE TO FOREIGNERS
FLYING AIRCRAFT OVER SENSITIVE PARTS OF TURKEY.
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